



News Release

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Who: Members of the Maryland National Guard Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Military Youth Corps will be planting trees in an effort to help clean up the Bay and adjoining shores.

What: Cadets enrolled in Freestate ChalleNGe, a National Guard program for at-risk youth, will be planting trees obtained through a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust at Havre de Grace Military Reservation. The youths will receive instruction in how to properly plant trees from members of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Where: Havre de Grace Military Reservation
301 Old Bay Lane
Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078

When: October 20, 2004
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Why: Members of the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy are high school dropouts from across Maryland and Washington, D.C. enrolled in an in-residence military-style educational program aimed at turning their lives around. Part of their education includes community service projects such as this one. During this project, the teens will plant trees that will help rehabilitate the Chesapeake Bay and its shorelines.

Visuals: The media is welcome to film the events and interview staff members.